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WHO Report and Road Safety in India
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Health Organization (WHO) has released its global report on road safety stating how road crashes were claiming majority of youth across the globe and in India as well;

(b) whether India has poor distinction of reporting maximum fatalities on roads due to several reasons, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Government has issued a fresh circular asking all agencies managing National Highways to comply with road safety norms during design, construction and operation of stretches; if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
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(a) As per global status report on road safety 2015, released by World Health Organization (WHO), road traffic crashes are a leading cause of death among young people, and the main cause of death among those aged 15−29 years across the globe. The highest rate of road traffic crashes is in the African Region i.e. number of traffic crashes per 100000 population.

(b) As per global status report on road safety 2015, the total fatalities reported in 2013 in India is 1,37,572 and the estimated fatality is 2,07,551. As per the report "Road Accident in India-2015", the major causes of road crash fatalities are fault of drivers (72.6%), fault of cyclist (1%), fault of drivers of other vehicles (4.8%), fault of pedestrians (1.8%), defect in condition of Motor vehicle (2.8%), defect in road condition (1.9%), other causes / causes not known (9.2%), etc.

(c) Road safety features and consideration are important part of Indian Roads Congress (IRC) codes and Ministry of Road Transport & Highways guidelines which are followed in design, construction & operation of National Highways.
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